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REMARKS

This responds to the Final Office Action dated July 22, 2010.

Claims $\underline{1}$ and $\underline{14}$ are amended and claims $\underline{23-31}$ were previously cancelled, without prejudice to or disclaimer by the Applicant; as a result claims $\underline{1-22}$ are pending in this application.

Example support for the claimed amendments can be found throughout the original filed specification. By way of example only, the Examiner's attention is directed to the original filed specification page 7 line 20 through page 12, *etc*.

The Rejection of Claims Under § 103

Claims 1-3, 7-17, and 20-22 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent 6,401,125 to Makarios et al. in view of U.S. Patent 6,003,084 to Green et al. in view of U.S. Patent 6,985,953 to Sandhu et al. Obviousness requires that each and every element be taught or suggested in the proposed combination of references.

The proposed combination does not show a "transparent proxy" (as defined in the independent claims) that acts as an intermediary for managing cookie communications between a client and an origin server when the client and origin server expect client and origin server cookies and where the cookies presented to the origin server appear to the origin server to be from the client when in fact they are from the transparent proxy.

Specifically, the Green reference does not address cookie communications in any manner. Sandhu is focused on creating and managing secure cookies only. Makarios is directed to creating specialized tokens on the client that the client is configured to use to communicate with the proxy in communications to other servers to customize the client's experience with those other servers but Makarios is not directed to managing existing cookie communications between the client and other servers.

As such, Applicant respectfully requests that the rejections be withdrawn and the pending claims of record be allowed.

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Claims 4, 6, 18, and 19 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Makarios et al. in view of Green et al. in view of Sandhu et al. as applied to claims 1-3 above and further in view of U.S. Patent Publication US 2002/0007317 to Callaghan et al. In view of the amendments and remarks presented above with respect to the independent claims, this rejection should be withdrawn. Applicant respectfully requests an indication of the same from the learned Examiner.

Claim 5 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Makarios et al. in view of Green et al., in view of Sandhu et al., in view of Callaghan et al. as applied to claim 4 above and further in view of U.S. Patent 5,805,803 to Birrell et al. In view of the amendments and remarks presented above with respect to the independent claims, this rejection should be withdrawn. Applicant respectfully requests an indication of the same from the learned Examiner.

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Reservation of Rights

In the interest of clarity and brevity, Applicant may not have equally addressed every assertion made in the Office Action, however, this does not constitute any admission or acquiescence. Applicant reserves all rights not exercised in connection with this response, such as the right to challenge or rebut any tacit or explicit characterization of any reference or of any of the present claims, the right to challenge or rebut any asserted factual or legal basis of any of the rejections, the right to swear behind any cited reference such as provided under 37 C.F.R. § 1.131 or otherwise, or the right to assert co-ownership of any cited reference. Applicant does not admit that any of the cited references or any other references of record is relevant to the present claims, or that they constitute prior art. To the extent that any rejection or assertion is based upon the Examiner's personal knowledge, rather than any objective evidence of record as manifested by a cited prior art reference, Applicant timely objects to such reliance on Official Notice, and reserves all rights to request that the Examiner provide a reference or affidavit in support of such assertion, as required by MPEP § 2144.03. Applicant reserves all rights to pursue any cancelled claims in a subsequent patent application claiming the benefit of priority of the present patent application, and to request rejoinder of any withdrawn claim, as required by MPEP § 821.04.

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CONCLUSION

Applicant respectfully submits that the claims are in condition for allowance, and notification to that effect is earnestly requested. The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (513) 942-0224 to facilitate prosecution of this application.

If necessary, please charge any additional fees or deficiencies, or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 19-0743.

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